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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE III

According to my records, the following members are PAID for 1984. Thus, you will not need to forward dues at this time. Your present membership will expire on 12/31/1984..

If you have paid for 1984 and your name is NOT on the following list, please contact the Secretary so that the records can be checked...

Hopefully, we will be placing the membership roster on a computer early in 1984 and we want to have all of the records in order. All future labels for the bulletin and record keeping of dues will be done by the computer to better serve the membership !!

Thus, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you pay your 1984 dues upon receipt of this bulletin to ease the 'work load' on the Secretary. You will find an addressed envelope in this bulletin to make it easy for you to forward your check !!

PAID MEMBERS FOR 1984 (as of November 17, 1983)

Mrs. Edwin Adams, Pittsburg, Ky
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NEW SCRIP CATALOG AT PRINTERS !!

THE EDKINS CATALOG GOOD NEWS - SAD NEWS

Volume I of the 2nd Edition (All States except West Virginia) of the Edkins Catalog has gone to the printer and delivery is anticipated in early February, 1984. That's the Good News. The Sad News is that the retail price will be \$30.00 per copy, post paid. The cost of the unbound version will be \$27.00, post paid.

More Good News is that the bound book will be offered to members for a reduced price of \$27.00, post paid, for ninety (90) days after the notice of publication appears in SCRIP TALK. New members will be entitled to the lower prices for ninety (90) days after their membership application is received by the Secretary. The member price for the unbound copy will be \$24.00, post paid. Purchases at the special member price will be restricted to one bound and one unbound copy per member. Dealers who purchase ten (10) or more copies per order will be given a 40% discount off the retail price.

In view of certain recent "truth in advertising laws" which require that the advertised item be delivered within thirty days after receipt of a paid order, and not knowing the exact completion date for the printing, readers are requested NOT to send any money for the book at this time. Those, however, who want to reserve a copy of the book in order to assure early delivery, can send their request to Bill Williams, Catalog Committee Chairman, PO Box 3015, Oak Ridge, TN 37830. DO NOT send any money until an invoice is received.

Volume II, which will contain a listing of all West Virginia scrip and of Mavericks, is in the hands of certain knowledgeable members for rarity reviews. It is anticipated that this volume should be printed not later than mid-summer, 1984, possibly sooner.

Volume I contains 305 pages of scrip listings, 33 pages of photographs, more than 20 pages of preface, and 33 pages of an index which lists every company in the catalog.

Volume II is expected to contain approximately 400 pages of scrip listings plus a preface, photographs and a complete index.



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NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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hitting the high spots

by TOM HITT

PRESIDENT - NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

P. O. BOX 970

DEFIANCE, OHIO 43512

HATS OFF to Tip and Eleanor Tippy and to Bill Williams who have just made the Oak Ridge, Tennessee Scrip Convention one of the best ever !! We had at least twenty visitors and NINETY-SIX members attend the show. Many of the collectors were first time visitors to one of our meetings !! There were Scriptorors from Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, West Virginia, Illinois, Virginia, Ohio and North Dakota!! Dick Sears of Grand Forks, ND traveled 1,201 miles to receive the most enthusiastic Scriptor Award !! Tip Tippy traveled the entire distance of two miles !! Bill Williams must be selected as the most enthused member as he lived only three miles away but stayed at the Holiday Inn for the entire show !!

Many of the members present had "scrip fever"...Jim Thompson and Elwood Maples suffered from it for a few minutes during the auction as they bid their way to \$200. for the PINEY COAL & COKE CO. (Stanaford, WV) token....Fennie Thacker lost the CARTER COAL CO. dollar to a \$85.00 mail bidder....Dave Whisman eventually sat down after losing the CLEARFIELD SUPPLY CO. ten cent token for \$175.00.

I'm gradually making headway as President of NSCA...the various committees are being worked up and will be announced in the next issue of SCRIP TALK. Currently, Mark Ballar is the Membership Chairman and John Podgurski will serve as Site Selection Chairman. John is currently working on plans for the Fall 1984 meeting in Cumberland Gap the first week-end in October.. Walter Caldwell (well known Janitor/Secretary/Treasurer) has some tremendous plans underway for the Spring 1984 meeting at the Holiday Inn in Oak Hill - Fayetteville, WV. on May 3 and 4.

The NEW Edkins Catalogue - Volume 1 - has been sent to the printer...HURRAH - HURRAH Book Chairman Bill Williams has started the pre-publication sale and advertising and details will be included in "SCRIP TALK". February is the target date for release of the first volume and the 435 page book is expected to sell for \$25 to \$30. Members will receive a special early-bird discount.

I am taking names of volunteers to serve as NSCA Sgt.-at-Arms. These persons will register attendance at shows - carry and care for the banners - caps - paperweights - books, etc. Too, they will be authorized to maintain general good conduct at all shows and meetings of NSCA. This committee will relieve a lot of pressure that currently fall on the President's shoulders.

HELP !! We need an immediate response from the membership when a hoard of tokens surface or become known!! This, of course, changes the rarity values of the particular tokens and causes members to be aware of current values!! If you learn information of this nature, please contact Vice-President Crawford Blakeman. Crawford will record all responses and report in the next issue of the bulletin!! NSCA members are tired of being offered over-rated tokens!! This plan will help to solve the problem if all cooperate in this effort !!

Some "odds-and-ends"...Walter is getting the NSCA logo copyrighted so permission will have to be given before it can be used in the future!! Raymond Cole has asked for help on the locations of mines, tipples, etc. by asking local people for postmarked envelopes from coal companies. He is willing to trade information and wants your help! The Executive Committee had complaints about the fee charged at the Convention Floor Auctions and new rates have been adopted. For the new rates, see the current minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in this issue.

A REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the National Scrip Collector Association was held on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1983 at 11:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. There were present: Tom Hitt, Walter Caldwell, Mark Ballard, John Podgurski, Crawford Blakeman, Past President R. R. Tippy, and Past President Bill Williams constituting a quorum.

Following proper motion, membership applications thru Number 1065 were approved as listed in the organization bulletin.

President Tom Hitt appointed Mark Ballard to serve as Membership Chairman. Secretary Walter Caldwell reported the current membership as 510 and noted that the current balance of the organization in Fayette County National Bank, Fayetteville, W. Va. was \$1802.94.

Following proper motion, the President was authorized to appoint a Sgt.-at-Arms to assist at membership functions.

A discussion was held on the fees to be charged for auctions held during the annual meetings. Following a motion, it was authorized to charge the following fees for future sales held during membership meetings: Tokens selling up to \$20. 20% commission - tokens selling up to \$49. - 10% commission; and tokens \$50 and above - 5% commission.

Catalog Committee Bill Williams announced that Volume One of the new Edkins Catalog was now at the printers and should be available for distribution in February of 1984. Dave Schenkman is coordinating the printing. It was noted that 1000 copies will be printed some of which will be loose leaf copies. It was noted that advance publication offers will be made to all members through the "SCRIP TALK" bulletin shortly. Too, it was noted that on orders of ten or more copies, the usual dealer's discount of 40% will be allowed.. No figure was presented for sale price of Volume One but it was estimated that the price will be about \$27. Final details and information will be presented to all members as soon as possible.

Following proper motion, the Treasurer was authorized to a general liability policy to protect the officers of the association.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 a.m.

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The GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of the National Scrip Collectors Association was held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1983, at 1:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. President Tom Hitt ascertained the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business..

Special thanks was given to R. R. and Eleanor Tippy and Bill Williams for the arrangements for the Oak Ridge meeting. It was noted that one collector came from North Dakota, one from Florida, several from Illinois as well as the usual number from the area coal producing states.

Bill Williams reported that the floor auction on Friday has receipts of \$1535.20 with \$307.04 going to NSCA to offset the expenses of the convention.

Book Chairman Williams reported that the new Volume One of the catalog had gone to the printers and would contain all states with scrip except West Virginia. This state will be Volume Two and is now being 'proof read' by several collectors. Volume One will have approximately 435 pages and will probably sell for \$27.00. It was noted that all members will be offered a pre-publication discount of 10% for a 90 day period once the book is available. Too, it was noted that \$2000.00 will be needed as loans from members to help with the publication. Ten members present subscribed no interest loans of \$200.00 each to quickly meet this need. Too, it was noted that the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) was making a no interest loan to NSCA of \$5000.00 to help with the publication costs.

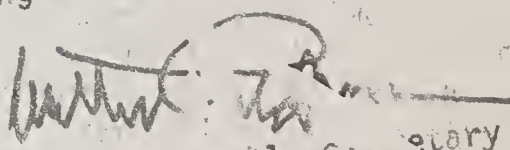
Announcement was made that the Spring 1984 convention would be held at the new Holiday Inn, Oak Hill- Fayetteville, WV. - on the first week-end in May and the Fall 1984 convention is being scheduled for Cumberland Gap Holiday Inn for the first week-end in October 1984. Additional information will be presented for all members through the bulletin.

President Hitt announced the appointment of Mark Ballard of Illinois as NSCA Membership Chairman and John Podgurski of Beckley, W. Va., as Time and Place Chairman.

A discussion followed on methods to keep the new catalog current as to new finds and rarity values on newly discovered hoards of tokens, etc. It was noted that all members should report new finds and hoards discovered to the bulletin editor until a committee is established to handle. It was noted that, hopefully, new editions and/or revisions of the catalog can be made by computer and reporting of new finds, etc. will help to make this possible. President Hitt urged all members to share their knowledge with other members through use of the bulletin.

All present were urged to attend the next meeting in May of 1984 at the new Holiday Inn, Oak Hill - Fayetteville, West Virginia. A great program is being planned and material on the meeting will be included in future issues of the bulletin.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.


Walter Caldwell, Secretary

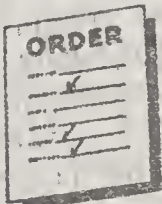
Tom Hitt, President

Hitting The High Spots BY: Tom Hitt (Continued)

Let me warn all Scriptorers that NO ONE is to solicit tokens under false pretense. One case in point -- a new Scriptor received a letter stating that it was standard procedure for a NEW collector to give some tokens to the first person contacting them, etc. BALONEY !! It should work the other way -- old members should send the new members some tokens !! Anyone cornered for this practice will be suspended from NSCA so fast he will wonder whether he was ever a member !!

Finally, I wish to thank all of the people involved in making the Oak Ridge show a success -- all attending Scriptorers and Scriptressess -- Tip & Eleanor -- Bill Williams -- the NSCA past and present officers -- and lastly, "BIG ED"... see you in Oak Hill on May 3 and 4, 1984.

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NSCA COLLECTOR ITEMS :::

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING NSCA ITEMS

____ CERAMIC - SIX COLOR - GOLD PLATED
____ NSCA LOGO TOKEN - \$3.40 each postage paid. 1 1/4" diameter - Nice !!

____ ROYAL BLUE NSCA CAP - \$6.00 postpaid - Features white logo 2 1/4" in diameter.
Specify: ____ 66% white mesh crown OR ____ 100% solid blue crown
____ Medium (6 3/4 to 7 1/8) OR ____ Large (7 1/8 to 7 5/8)
____ Caps are adjustable to reach your exact size !!

____ NSCA LOGO PATCH - Large 3 1/4" with embroidered green grass, brown mountains, and a gold miner, on a light blue background. Ideal for affixing to caps, jackets, etc. \$2.20 postpaid.

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ADDRESS: _____

Membership Number: _____

PRICES REALIZED

11 - ECCO - PERRY STORE
37 - BUXTON ISLAND -
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SALE NUMBER 80

CLOSED: July 30, 1982

NB: No bids WD: Withdrawn
used to award the lot !!

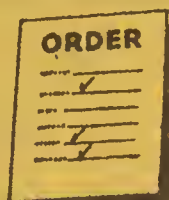
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117/2.75 118/6.10 119/4.00 120/26.25 121/10.00 122/70.00 123/7.50 End of Sale

HELP !! HELP !!

We are completely out of good material to list in the auction sales!! We must have some good items to list for future sales on consignment OR will buy !! As will be noted in auction results, the good material is bringing a good price !! Why not let 500 collectors bid on your items instead of dealing with only one buyer ?? Can we hear from YOU today ?? Thanks !!
Walter Caldwell

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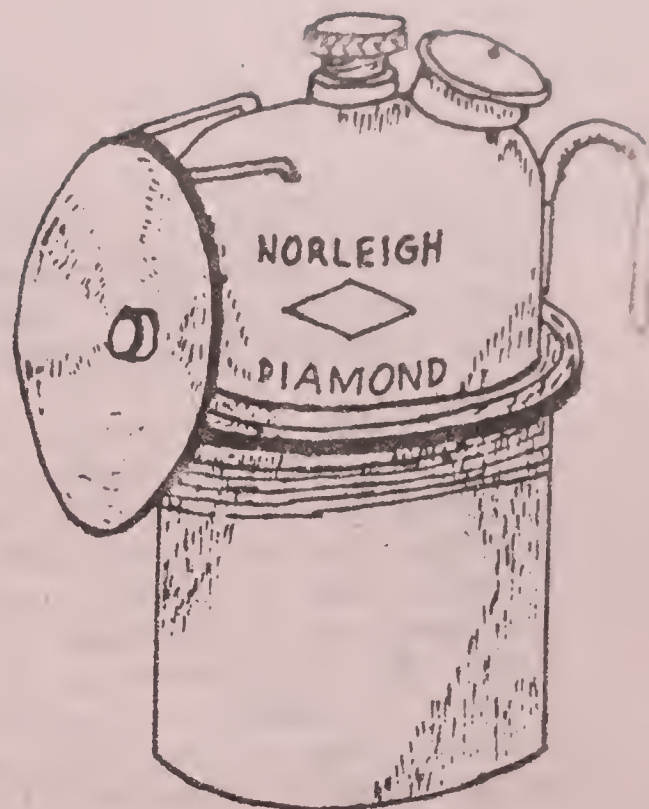
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 73 1.05 74.1300
 74 5.95
 75 1.00
 76-77 2.00
 78-79 3.85

MINE LIGHTING SECTION



DEAR FRIENDS AND LAMP COLLECTORS:

After a long and hectic relocation, I am finally getting settled in Albuquerque. During the move, I have tried to keep up with all correspondence but have missed some. (The Post Office was returning packages).

If mail was returned to you or I have not answered your letters, please try again at my new address: Paul L. Kouts, P. O. Box 35806, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87176.

Activity on the Miner's Carbide Lamp Reference Books has been nil during the past several months but new volumes should be available soon. Current status is as follows:

Vol. I - Trademarks	2.50	Vol. II - Auto Lite	2.50
III - Guy's Dropper	2.50	IV - Springfield	2.50
V - ZAR	2.50	VI - Duplex Lps	3.00
VII - Hansen	Early '84	VIII - Baldwin	2.50
IX - Simmons	2.50	X - Justrite	Mid-'84
XI - Patents	10.00		

I am currently looking for a new printer for the Hansen volume and the Justrite volume is over half complete in preparation.

While my activity has been rather slow lately, there is much going on in the lamp collecting world. Two organizations have started lamp sections for collectors.

The National Speleological Society has started a section and information about publications and membership is available from: Jim Whidby, 924 Cornig Road, Knoxville, TN 37923.

The National Scrip Collectors Association started a mine lighting section for all areas of mine interests. Membership in NSCA is available for \$10.00 annually and includes a subscription to their publication "SCRIP TALK". This bulletin will include one or two pages devoted to the mine lighting section. Please drop me a note if you are interested in joining NSCA and a brochure will be sent to you.

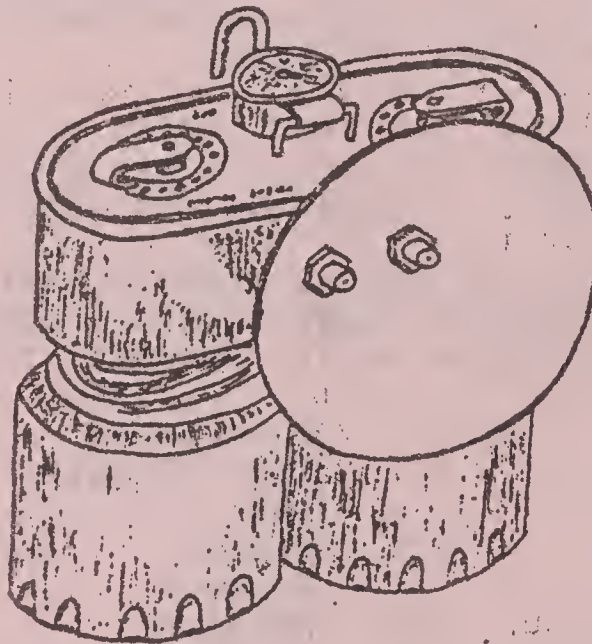
SCOBY CARBIDE LAMP
Duplex style

The SCOBY lamp, pictured below, has no identifying marks and was a mystery lamp to collectors for many years. The information to identify the maker and the lamp came from NSCA members living near the town of origin. Some interesting information about both the manufacturer/inventor and the lamp has come to light.

Samual Scoby was a coal miner in 1922 when he applied for the patent on his duplex style lamp. The assignment of one-half interest to Coleman Jones (a West Frankfort business man) was made for providing the major portion of financial support to develop and market the lamp. Scoby's son recalls that a few other partners contributed some financial support, but Stewart is the only other name he remembers. The lamp was manufactured in 1922/23 by the Rantz(sic) Tool & Machine Co. of St. Louis, Mo. (Now defunct). Only one order was made for a couple of thousand lamps. After distribution to hardware stores and mine supply companies, it was found that a faulty tube in the lamp prevented continuous operation and most of the lamps had to be recalled. This recall essentially destroyed the business. No other lamps were ever made.

In 1924, Samual Scoby moved his family to Missouri where he went to work in the lead mines. A mine rock-fall killed him in 1926.

This information was provided by one of Scoby's surviving sons. While other collectors might trace the family, it is asked by the family - That they not be bothered because of age and health reasons. They have no lamps or additional information beyond what is offered above.



SCOBY lamp (TA0 & BA0) Rare

The National Speleological Society has started a lamp collectors section. Information about publications and membership is available from:

Jim Whidby
924 Cornig Rd.
Knoxville, Tn. 37923

Ron Webster of ABC-COINS has two "DEW-R-LITE" 8-hour hand lamps for sale. For condition and price contact him at:

ABC COINS & COLLECTIBLES
1034 So. Main St.
Santa Ana, Calif. 92701
or phone (714) 542-2442

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Free Ads are available to NSCA members at no charge. The only requirements being that they be limited to 4 lines and one ad per issue. Deadline for ads is 10 days prior to the closing date of the mail auction sale in the current issue of SCRIP TALK. All ads received after the deadline will be held for the following issue. No ads will rerun automatically, each issue will require a separate request. Paid ads should be sent directly to SCRIP TALK Editor Walt Caldwell and NOT the Free Ad Editor. Send all Free Ads to: Steve Ratliff, Free Ad Editor, 104 Riverview Drive, Pace, Florida 32570

I KNOW I'M HEADING UP SALT CREEK ON THIS ONE, but I've been making the trips pretty frequent here lately. I offer for trade 1 - 5 pc. Set 5¢ - \$1 U-L Buchanan Coal Co. Tip Top, KY XF condition for the 5¢ and 25¢ Riceville 2391 Greenrock Coal Co. David S. Whisman, Route 2, Box 111, Lick Branch Estates, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

FOR SALE: THREE (3) DIFFERENT PIECES W.Va. scrip .01, .05, and .10, pieces. Price \$1.00 plus SASE. Also send SASE for list of other scrip and collection for sale. Sam Nicholls, 3833 Chestwood Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32211

VIRGINIA COAL TOKENS WANTED: I will buy or I have extras to offer in trade. John Taylor, 201 Granby Road, Kingsport, TN 37665. Phone 615/246-9126

WANTED: Tokens, medals, check, etc. depicting trains or locomotives. I can offer coal mine tokens in trade, or will purchase any items I need. Al Zaika, P.O. Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

WILL TRADE STANDARD COAL CO./ 5 / Ingle (Standardville, Utah); and Mutual Supply Co. / No. 1 / 5 / Orco (Horning, PA) for Western Canada Coal items -- need CCL & AA g/f 5¢ maverick (St. Louis maker). John Cheramy, P.O. Box 5214, Station "B", Victoria, B.C., Canada, V8R 6N4

THE CATALOG, FLORIDA TRADE TOKENS, is available, but a small number of copies remain. The hardback book has stories, maverick list, rarity, some pictures, and descriptions of 2,800 trade tokens. Order now for \$17.50, postpaid. Florida residents add 5% sales tax. C.R. Clark, P.O. Box 13331, St. Petersburg, FL 33733

WANTED - VIRGINIA COAL, LUMBER AND MERCHANTS TOKENS. Will buy or trade. All letters answered. Fennie Thacker, Route 1, Box 129, Haysi, VA 24256

NEW BOOK: Early Coal Mining in Pocahontas, Virginia. Limited edition, 256 pages on scrip company stores, railroads, mine explosions, Baldwin-Felts, Blacklists, Tipples, coke ovens, over 200 pictures. \$7.95 postpaid. Order from: Jack M. Jones, 1317 Fenwick Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502

WANTED - YOUR FOR SALE LIST ON 1¢ COAL SCRIP. Send along with prices to: Page Mann, 48 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185

LOUISIANA LUMBER TOKENS WANTED--Please send description, price and/or trade item desired in first letter. Clark Forrest, Jr., Rt. 2 Box 397, Holden, LA 70744

STOCK & BOND CERTIFICATES WANTED plus pre 1900 checks. Will pay good prices for pre 1900 material. Henry Hinck, 10800 Lakeview Drive, Hayden Lake, ID 83835

QUESTION. DOES ANY ONE IN THE UNITED STATES have the complete story of the paper scrip issued by McNeal Coal Company? I want Jenny Lind Items. Frank Sprinkle, 304 Barbee Blvd., Yaupon Beach, Southport, NC 28461

** FREE ADS ** FREE ADS ** FREE ADS** FREE ADS ** FREE ADS **

YOU MUST HAVE NEEDED SOME OF THE 12,130 TOKENS AND MEDALS Williges has sold this year 51,394 in stock. Don't pay for lists. Mine are free!! Buying all exonomic items. Junk to R-10. Bill Williges, Box 445, Wheatland, CA 95692

EXPLODER TOKENS WANTED: Colo. MX 6 though 11; KY MX 3, 6; PA MX 8, 9, 17; Utah MX 4, 6, 19, 20; WV MX 12, 29, 34, 37, 39, 40, 41b, 42 (first listing). Also want unlisted exploder tokens. Will pay very well for any tokens I need. David Schenkman, Box 375, Bryans Road, MD 20616

GEORGIA EXONOMIC WANTED: Private collector paying top dollar for early Georgia Tokens / embossed shell cards in choice condition and reasonable market prices for other needed Georgia tokens and 1895 Cotton States International Exposition items. Write: R.W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Road, Tucker, GA 30084

FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER 10 days after publication date. N.R.&P. #26 Kaymoor WV 1481C-1, 1481B-25b, 1481B-50, 1481B-100; N.R.&P. Berwind, WV 239B-5; N.R.&P. #27 Garten, WV 1093A-10; N.R.&P. #14 Newhall WV 2059A-25. Will sell either singly or as a lot. Tom Shook, 37 Haynes Street, Johnstown, PA 15901 Phone 1-814-535-4686

TRADE MY ND2891B-100 for any of following: ND2891A series, ND1091 series or ND3217A-10. B. Craig, P.O. Box 233, Powers Lake, ND 58773

I AM BUILDING A COLLECTION OF 1.00 PIECES coal mining scrip. I have hundreds of pieces trade, any denomination but I want to trade for dollars only. Let me hear from you. James F. Cooper, 2713 Cumberland Ave., Middlesboro, KY 40965

WILL TRADE 7 Pieces for cap lamps I don't have. VA149- 1¢, 5¢ UL, 10¢ UL, 25¢ UL, 50¢ UL, \$1.00 (ORCO) UL, and 1.00 (ICS) UL. Ralph Blankenbecler, Rt. 3, Box 354, Coeburn, VA 24230. Phone 703-395-2229

PAPER SCRIP: \$2, \$3, \$5 Mallory Stores, Inc. punch card type. Store for Mallory Coal Co. Mallory, WV. The three pieces for \$5.00 plus SASE. C.F. Colley, P.O. Box 130, Ethel, WV 25076

LET'S SWAP TRADE LISTS Trade list includes coal scrip, good fors, amusement, token dies transportation, etc over 500 different lots!! If you do not have a trade list to send, please send SASE long envelope for my list with fixed prices. Be sure to send your FREE AD in with your request for my trade list!! Steve Ratliff, 104 Riverview Drive, Pace, FL 32570

WANT TO TRADE The Black Diamond Coal Co., Gallia, Ohio, G.F. 50¢ - (unearthed) for good exploder token, or mine lamp. Also want to buy scatter tags and coal company stickers. Susan Dalton, 2717 Cumberland, Ashland, KY 41101

HOPE MFG. & COAL CO., MASON CO., WV. "best offer" 1 leather bound payroll book, July 1869 to March 1876 and 1 leather bound daybook from co. store, July 1880 to July 1881. Very readable C.L. Blakeman, 6919 Boreman Drive #3, Charleston, WV 25312

SPECIAL REMINDER:: FREE ADS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NSCA MEMBERS ONLY !!
DO NOT submit FREE ADS if you are not a current member !! Contact the Editor of "SCRIP TALK" if you desire to place a PAID ad !! Thanks !!
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SCRIP TALK

NOTES ON OAK RIDGE CONVENTION FLOOR AUCTION

The Oak Ridge Convention Floor Auction on Friday, October 7th was a huge success. Thirty one members registered for the bidding and sixteen of them were successful in obtaining one or more of the lots offered. In addition, several lots were sold to mail bidders.

The thirty one lots listed in "SCRIP TALK" were joined by fifteen lots of late arrival scrip from AK, CO, IL, IO, KY, OH, PA, TN, VA, and WV, plus a framed set of Robinson Run scrip, a complete set of Consol stickers, a carbide lamp, and a booklet of poems entitled "Beech Creek and Other Coal Mine Places and People".

The bidding was quite spirited for the Piney Coal & Coke Co. \$1.00 (\$200.), the Clinchfield Supply Co. 10c (\$175.), the unlisted Carter Coal Co. \$1.00 (\$85.), and the S. H. Wulfman Coal Co. 5c (\$84.). The Frances Jellico Coal Co. unlisted 10c piece, however, sold for the minimum bid of \$100.00.

Prices Realized ranged from \$4.00 to \$200.00 with three pieces bringing \$100. or more each and three realizing more than \$50. Of the thirty one listed in "SCRIP TALK", sixteen sold within the estimated range, eight lower, and seven higher.

Sales totaled \$1535.20, with NSCA receiving \$311.84 of this amount. Expenses of the convention amounted to slightly less than \$250.00, which leaves more than \$60.00 for the NSCA treasury.

PRICES REALIZED: (Refer to last "SCRIP TALK" for listing of the lots)

A/21.90	B/84.00	C/27.00	D/22.00	E/16.00	F/9.00	G/44.00
H/36.00	I/10.00	J/21.00	K/16.00	L/26.00	M/13.00	N/13.00
O/11.00	P/85.00	Q/11.00	R/32.00	S/13.00	T/200.00	U/33.00
V/100.00	W/175.00	X/26.00	Y/48.00	Z/21.30	AA/10.00	BB/60.00
CC/25.00	DD/25.00	EE/27.00	F1/10.00	F2/13.00	F3/11.00	
F4/8.00	F5/18.00	F6/4.00	F7/20.00	F8/5.00	F9/16.00	
F10/11.00	W1/11.00	W2/14.00	W3/15.00	W4/16.00	W5/12.00	
Framed Set/38.00	Booklet/6.00	Consol stickers set/35.00	Mine lamp/11.00	Total: \$1535.20		

SPECIAL NOTE: In this issue of "SCRIP TALK" I note that several dates have been used for the SPRING 1984 MEETING at Fayetteville - Oak Hill, West Va. The correct dates are Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5, 1984. As in the past, several members will come in on Thursday to take advantage of early trades, etc., however, the main program and events will be on Friday and Saturday as noted. Many members desire to have this information early so that they can arrange for vacations, etc.

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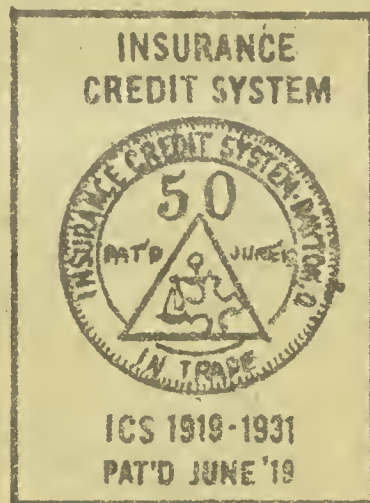
REMINDER!

THREE REASONS WHY YOU WILL FIND AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ENCLOSED WITH THIS BULLETIN.....

1. So that you can send in your \$10. dues today !! Bulletins will cease if your dues are not paid for 1984 !!
2. So that you can send in a Mail Bid to keep the bulletin coming your way !!
3. So that you can order NSCA merchandise listed herein !!



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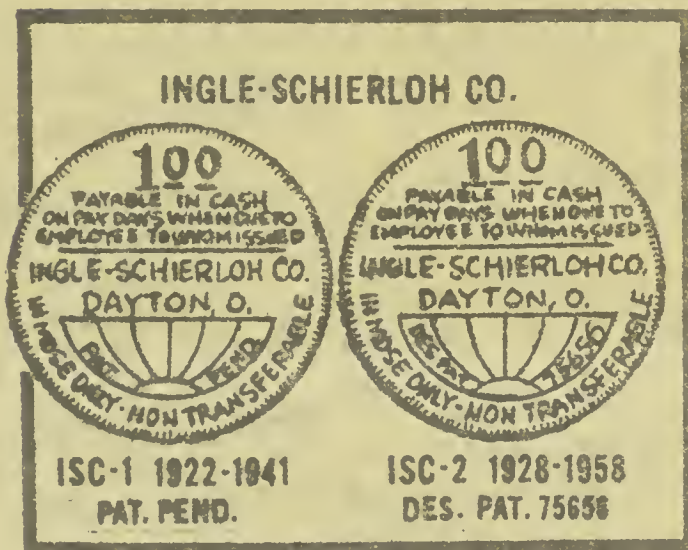


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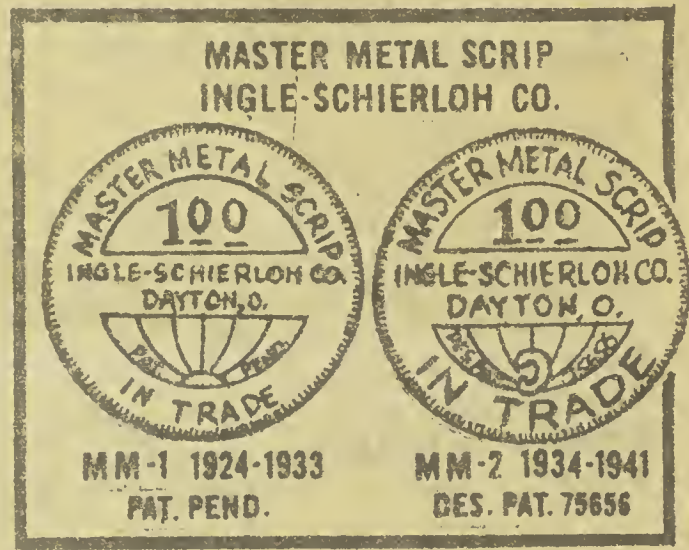
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SPECIAL NOTE: Some consignor in Sale Number 88 has some money due him !! When the auction list was being typed I failed to key in the code for the consignor and have forgotten who sent Lots 38 thru 66. If these belonged to you, please drop me a note so that your payment can be sent to you !! Thanks!
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SPECIAL NOTE: At the Oak Ridge meeting some new member mentioned that he had received a letter from "X" immediately after joining NSCA advising him that one of the requirements of new members was to send the person writing the letter several pieces of scrip from his collection. If any new members have received letters of this type please advise the President or Secretary of NSCA so that this matter can be checked !! There is certainly no such requirement and something of this nature would certainly be acted upon by the Board of Directors.
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DIS AND DATA as time and space permits.....Golly! can hardly wait for the new catalog - Vol. I to get back from the printers. Am sure that the Book Committee will have special news shortly on this !! Watch SCRIP TALK for more details.....Scriptor Dave Whisman reports two great new finds. One from FLOYD COAL CO., WOODS, KY. a 25 cent alum. The second is from CEDAR POINT COAL COMPANY at the same location.....Still getting mail returned from Scriptors J. Ray Vandal at Beckley, WVa and Robin Ellis at San Antonio, TX. If you have a late address on either, please let the Secretary know.....This page of the bulletin is being prepared on the new office MDS Series 21 computer by word processing. It has been a slow process for this "ole country boy" but maybe I will get the hang of it soon. I have also prepared one page of Paul Kouts mine lighting page and was not too pleased with the quality of the printer. In order for the electronic stencil cutter to make a good stencil the copy must be very black and the computer printer possibly needs a new ribbon. Might run the typed copy thru the copy machine to get a darker copy...Keep tuned for the latest from the computer experience.... Still checking on getting the NSCA membership roster in the computer so that it can be kept up to date and so that labels can be printed out for the bulletin...Stay tuned for the latest news from the computer front!!!.....Scriptor Susan Dalton pens that she will be sending something for the bulletin on Mine Lamps.. I am sure that Paul Kouts will welcome contributions from members on this new section of the bulletin....Scriptor Ore Vacketta notes that Vermilion is in Illinois and Vermillion is in Indiana. There was a note in the last bulletin on this... Incidentally, Ore's new book on Illinois Trade Tokens is out. Watch for details on how you can acquire a copy since it includes all of the Illinois coal tokens.... More later so be thinking about coming to Oak Hill-Fayetteville for the Spring 1984 convention !!

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COLONEL CALDWELL'S

MAIL AUCTION SALE

SALE NUMBER :: 90

CLOSING DATE ::

DECEMBER 16, 1983

Minimum Bid is \$1. per token !! On Tie Bids, earliest postmark gets the lot. We reserve the right to withdraw all lots !! Bid in increments of 5¢ only !! NOTE that some lots carry a Minimum Bid as "MB \$ ____" ..

ANOTHER GREAT COLLECTION OF TOKENS GOING AT YOUR BID PRICE !!!

LOT NO.

1. Bon Jellico KY Bon Jellico Coal Co. -KY 331A5; A10; A25 (3 pcs.)
 2. Same as Lot No. 1
 3. (Jacks Creek KY) Payne Baber Coal Co. KY 1421A1 dark
 4. (McAndrews KY) The Octavis J. Coal Mining Co. KY 1833B5
 5. Render (Ky) - Central Coal Co. KY2381A100 some wear
 6. Toner, KY - Blue Diamond Coal KY2809A10 7. Wyland (KY) Elkhorn Coal Corp KY2955B1a; D1
 8. Wayland (KY) Elkhorn Coal UL Alum 1¢ Orco 4 mfg - bent
 9. Wayland (KY) Elkhorn Coal - 1¢ brass - Orco 4 - no date
 10. (Crellin MD) Kendall Lumber Co. - 10¢ nipl - Orco 1 -
 11. Garland, TN- Pewee Coal Company TN1087A100 and B100 got both?
 12. Garland, TN - Pewee Coal Company - TN 1087B100
 13. Morco, TN - Moore Coal Co. - TN1949C5 14. (Townsend) Townsend Merc. Co. \$1.00 MM2
 15. Leona Mines - Blue Diamond Coal - VA1611D1
 16. (Millwood) - Kiskiminetas Supply Co. - One Exploder
 17. (Tunnelton PA) - Kiskiminetas Supply Co. - 1 Stick Explosive
 18. " " " - 5 Sticks Explosive
 19. " " " - 10 Sticks Explosive
 20. " " " - 25 Sticks Explosive
 21. " " " - 1 Keg Powder
 22. (Island Creek Coal Co.) - I.C.C.C. - Explosive Check - WVMX15a
 23. Maverick - New River & Pocahontas Coal Company - MAV MX19b
 24. Special lot of 6 all diff. coal car checks
 25. (Spartenburg SC) - Beaumont Mfg. Co. Stores - 1¢ Orco 2 - Spinning Mill token !
 26. Bath SC - Aiken County Stores Inc. - 5¢ and \$1 Orco 2 mfg - spinning
 27. Anderson SC - Aiken Stores Inc. - 5¢ - Orco dated 1939
 28. Calhoun Falls SC - Aiken Stores Inc. - 5¢ and \$1 - Orco dated 1939 -
 29. Langley SC - Aiken County Stores Inc. - 25¢ and \$1. - Orco 2
 30. Williamston SC - Aiken Stores Inc - 5¢ and 25¢ - Orco 4 dates 1939
 31. (McDowell Co. WV) - McDowell County Post No. 8 - SET 5¢ thru \$1 (10¢ holed) Amer Legion
 32. (Charleston WV) - W.Va. Mining Company - \$1.00 - Restaurant souvenir token
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- A SELECT GROUP OF GOODIES.... (Rated as per new Edkins)
33. Chicago Wilmington & Franklin Coal Co. - Orient Coal - ILL MX3 R6 (Consignor paid \$10.)
 34. Wassons Dept. Store - Carrier Mills, IL - IL492 - dated 1940 - ctst DALLAS - R5
 35. Tamaroa (IL) - Tamaroa Store Co. (c/sBlanchard Coal Co) - 10¢ br - UL - R8
 36. Campaign, TN - Rocky River Coal & Lbr Co. - TN 250A50 - R8 - Consignor paid \$25
 37. Linton, Ind - J. W. Wolford & Sons - BIMETAL - UL - \$1 - 1645 IL - (Consignor pd \$10)
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REMEMBER !! Your bids in the Mail Sale Auction helps to keep the bulletin coming your way!! We need more member participation to keep the "wheels turning" !!

COLONEL CALDWELL'S MAIL AUCTION SALE NO. 90 CLOSING DATE: DECEMBER 16, 1983
TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS KENTUCKY CONSIGNMENT -- NOTE THAT MINIMUM BIDS APPLY ON THESE !!

38. Amherst Coal Co. Amherstdale WV - SET 1¢ thru \$5 (7 pcs) MB \$20.
39. Amherst Coal Co. - 81K5; K10; H10; H50; H100 (5 pcs) MB \$11.
40. Same as Lot No. 39 - MB \$11.
41. Gibson Fuel Co., Blackwood, VA - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$8.
42. Same as Lot No. 41 - MB \$8.
43. Dawson Daylight Coal Co., Dawson Springs, KY - SET 1¢ thru \$1 (6 pcs) - MB \$18.
44. Same as Lot No. 43 - MB \$18.
45. Harcrow Mines, Evarts, KY - SET -all uncirculated - 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$10.
46. Same as Lot No. 45 - MB \$10.
47. Horse Shoe Lumber Co. - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - (5 pcs) - MB \$9.
48. Same as Lot No. 47 - MB \$9. - A nice bi-metal set !!
49. Indian Creek Coal Co. Indian Creek, TN - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - (5 pcs) - MB \$11.
50. Same as Lot No. 49 - MB \$11.
51. King Coal Mining Co. - VA 2205I50; J25; K10; J5 (4 pcs) - MB \$14.
52. Same as Lot No. 51 - MB \$14.
53. Kentucky Darby Coal Co. - VA 2205 - 5¢ thru \$1 SET - MB \$8.
54. Same as Lot No. 53 - MB \$8.
55. Logan County Coal Corporation, Lundale WV - 5¢ thru \$5. - (6 pcs) - MB \$15.
56. Same as Lot No. 55 - MB \$15.
57. Morgan Grocery & Appliance, Fonde, KY - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$7.50
58. Same as Lot No. 57 - MB \$7.50
59. Mary Frances Coal Co. - Mine No. 7 - 5¢ thru \$1 - (5 pcs) - MB \$6.50
60. Same as Lot No. 59 - MB \$6.50
61. The New River Co. -#2 - Scarbro, WV - 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$6.00
62. Same as Lot No. 61 - MB \$6.00
63. Seagraves Coal Co., High Splint, KY - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$16.
64. Ruckman Stores Co. - KY - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$7.50
65. Same as Lot No. 64 - MB \$7.50
66. Raleigh Wyoming Coal Co., Glen Rogers, WV - 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$6.
67. Stearns Coal & Lumber Co. - KY - 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$6.50
68. Same as Lot No. 67 - MB \$6.50
69. R. C. Tway, Bland, KY - 3pcs - 5, 25, & 50¢ - MB \$5.
70. Same as Lot No. 69 - MB \$5.
71. Trimore Coal Co., Devonia, TN - SET 5¢ thru \$1 - MB \$9.
72. Same as Lot No. 71 - MB \$9.
73. Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co., Tracy City, TN - SET 5¢ thru \$5 - (6 pcs) MB \$21.50
74. Yocum Creek Coal Co., Evarts, KY - 5, 25, 50¢ - MB \$4.25
75. Same as Lot No. 74 - MB \$4.25
76. Seneca Stores - Indian Head Pictorial - (3 pcs) 10, 50, \$1 - MB \$6.75

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LOOK AT THIS CONSIGNMENT FROM VIRGINIA - INCLUDES SOME VIRGINIA STATE TOKENS !!

77. Amigo Smokeless Coal Amigo WV - 83F5b; F10; F25; F50; F100 (5 pcs) - MB \$12.
78. Becco Mercantile Co. - Becco WV - 187A100 - MB \$6.
79. Becco Mercantile Co. - 187A50 - MB \$6.
80. Becco Mercantile Co. - 187A25 - MB \$7.
81. Carbon Fuel Co. Carbon WV - 469C1 thru 2-\$5 pcs - *8 pcs* Set - MB \$12.
82. Earlston Coal Co. Kermit WV - 1501A10a; A50 worn; A100 (3 pcs) MB \$8.
83. Consolidation Coal Co. Monongah WV - 1943L1 and R5 (2 pcs)
84. Thomas Coal Co. McComas WV - 1837B100 - R7 - MB \$3.
85. The New River Company Mt Hope WV - 1995B10; B100
86. W.Va. Mining Co. - Charleston WV - Restaurant token -
87. Bon Jellico Coal - KY 331A5; A10; A25; A50. 88. Yocum Creek Coal KY 975H5; H25; H50
89. Mary Alice Supply KY 1805A50 bu 90. Truax Traer Lignite No. Dakota 2891A25
91. Blackwood Fuel VA 291E100 au 92. Panther Coal Co. VA 2459A25 au
93. TEN all diff \$1 scrip tokens - three states - R1's thru R3's - R4 - MB \$8.50
94. TWENTY piece starter set - all diff - great variety - Five 1¢ - Five 5¢ - Five 10¢ -
One 25¢ - One 50¢ - Two \$1 - One \$5 tokens - MB \$15.

*** COLONEL CALDWELL'S MAIL AUCTION SALE NO. 90 * CLOSING DATE: DECEMBER 16, 1983

5. Virginia - Jim's Taxi (transportation) - Broadway, Va - G/F 10¢ - Black plastic
 6. VA Key Return - Peoples National Bank, Charlottesville, VA
 7. VA #2950 - Schen King & Queen - 1 BKT - Var #3
 8. Gochenour Bros. Montevideo VA - #3460A5; A25; A50 - MB \$8.
 9. American Peanut Corp - VA #3680 B25
 10. Richmond War & Community Fund Badge - Richmond, VA

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FOLLOWING SEVERAL REQUESTS, WE PRESENT A SPECIAL SELECTION OF LOWER COST COMPLETE SETS FOR THE NEW COLLECTOR...TOO, SOME OF THE "PROS" MAY FIND ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST LISTED !!

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| 101. Birmingham, Al - Black Diamond Coal Mining Co. - SET A5 -50 (No \$1 made) | MB \$5. |
| 102. Ridgeway, KY - Harlan Ridgeway Mining Co. - SET 2403A5 - 100 (5 pcs) | MB \$10. |
| 103. (Evarts KY) - Harcrow Mines INC. - SET 975I5 - 100 | MB \$10. |
| 104. Aphoretta, KY - Stephens Elkhorn Fuel Co. - SET 67A1 - 50 (No \$1 made) | MB \$15. |
| 105. Stone, KY - Tierney Mining Co., Inc. - SET 2671G5-25; E50-100 | MB \$15. |
| 106. Pennington Gap, VA - Kentucky Darby Coal Co. Inc. - SET 2205F5-100 | MB \$17. |
| 107. Pennington Gap, VA - Lyttle & Pennington Coal Co. - SET 2205E5-100 | MB \$15. |
| 108. Pennington Gap, VA - St Charles C & C Co. - SET 2205A5-100 | MB \$7. |
| 109. Block, TN - Block Coal & Coke Co. - SET 303A1 -100 | MB \$11. |
| 110. Indian Creek, TN - Indian Creek Coal Co. - SET 1393B1-100 | MB \$11. |
| 111. Devonia, TN - Trimore Coal Corp - SET 783C5 -100 | MB \$9. |
| 112. Crane Creek (WV) - American Coal Co. - SET 690D5 - 100 | MB \$7. |
| 113. Prentner, WV - Boone Supply Company - SET 2283G1 - 100 | MB \$13. |
| 114. Olcott, WV - Briar Creek Black Band C Co. - SET 2113H5 - 100 | MB \$12. |
| 115. Mead (WV) - C. H. Mead Coal Co. Store No. 2 - SET 1861A1 - 100 | MB \$15. |
| 116. Henlawson, WV - Merrill Stores Co. SET 1295G5 - 100 (wartime fiber) | MB \$7. |
| 117. (Summersville WV) - Oglebay Norton Co. Kayford, WV - SET 2713A1 - 100 | MB \$9. |
| 118. Ethel, WV - Wanda Mining Co. - SET 967N5 - 100 | MB \$7. |
| 119. Burch, WV - William Ann Coal Co. - SET 413D5 - 100 | MB \$10. |
| 120. Winifrede, WV - Winifrede Coal Company - SET 3067A5 - 100 | MB \$10. |
| 121. Chevrolet, KY - Crown Coal Co. - 541A25 - R8 - | MB \$18. |
| 122. Middletown, OH - The American Rolling Mill Co. 1903A5a - R5 - | MB \$6. |
| 123. Zanesville, OH - ARMCA Association -3125B25 - R7 - | MB \$9. |
| 124. (Wooldridge, TN) - Wooldridge Jellico Coal Co - dated 1899 - (15 stars)
3091D10 - R7 - | MB \$9. |
| 125. (Wise VA) - Yellow Creek Coal & Coke Co.- 3073A100 - R5 - | MB \$6. |
| 126. Prentner, WV - Boone Supply Company - 2283G500 - R7 - | MB \$9. |
| 127. (Burnewell, WV) - Imperial Colliery Co. - crown pict - 421A1 - R8 | MB \$18. |
| 128. Summersville, WV) - Oglebay Norton, Kayford, WV - 2713A500 - R6 | MB \$9. |
| 129. Ethel, WV - Wanda Mining Co. Inc. - 967N500 - R6 - | MB \$9. |
| 130. Winifrede, WV - Winifrede Coal Company - 3067A1 - R5 - | MB \$6. |

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A WEST VIRGINIA CONSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL INTEREST - BETTER CHECK CAREFULLY EACH LOT !!

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| 131. Ethel, WV - Wood Coal 967G50 | 132. Skelton WV - New River Co. - SET 2599G5
thru G100 (5 pcs) |
| 133. Christian WV - Logan Powellton 545G100 | 134. Yolyn WV - Rum Creek Coal 3119A50 |
| 135. Becco WV - Becco Mercantile 187B25 | 136. Mahan WV - Christian Colliery Co. 1745B100
C25; C10; D5; D5 (5 pcs) |
| 137. Ethel WV - Ames Mining Co. 967J25 | 138. Phico, WV - Winisle Coal Corp 2211C1 unear |
| 139. Big Creek, WV - Logan Mines Inc. -259F50
obverse good - reverse fair R6 | 140. WVMX15A - Island Creek Coal Explosive Ch |
| 141. Logan, WV - Alma Eagle Coal 1661E1 | 142. Christian WV - McCall Coal Co. 545C25
slight bend - R7 |
| 143. Rita, WV - Logan Chilton Coal 2411A5 | 144. Holden, WV Island Creek Stores 1341G1 R7
Error token - spelled as Nolden |
| 145. Coal Ind. 4000 Ton Day - Clenelum and Roslyn Wash. Golden Jubilee dated 1939 - medal | |
| 146. Malden WV - Pioneer Coal Co - 1757A100; A50; A25; A10 - probably first WV coal scrip ! | |
| 147. Taplin WV - Standard Isl Crk 2755B110 | 148. Logan WV - Herman Grocery (c/s Snap Creek
1661G50; G25; G10; G5 (4 pcs) |

48. Kistler WV - Utilities Coal 1531G1 149. Three Forks WV 3 Forks Coal 2787A100 R8
 150. A special assortment of lower rarity tokens for trading - upgrading - or what have you
 A variety of companies - denominations - cut outs, etc - a perfect starter lot for the
 new collector - Includes TWO five piece sets - A great value for THIRTY TOKENS MB \$35.

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We are again in need of a better collector for consignment or purchase to run in the auction !! Remember...we do not have time to catalog your tokens for you!! Make a list of what you are sending and include the Edkins Catalog numbers and any special notes on condition of the tokens!! Too, we cannot list the lower rarity items (R1 - 2 - 3's). These should be grouped in special lots of bulk tokens!! As you will note from checking the auction results, the good material brings a good price !! What has happened to all of the R10 tokens ?? We need these NOW - Let me know what you have to offer !! As usual, the commission rate is only 20% on items that sell!! If your tokens do not sell, there is no charge !! Be sure and list Minimum Bids if this applies on any of the lots !!

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 above rates !!

SCRIP TALK

A MINI HISTORY OF U.M.W.A.

Scriptor Elwood Maple
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Maplewood, WV 25874

Much of the story of the American workingman's struggle for a better way of life, wages and working conditions is the story of American coal miners.

The reason is that American miners are men of great dignity, great pride and great bravery. Perhaps it has been best stated by the man who was elected its ninth President in 1920. These are the words of John L. Lewis:

The public does not understand, and I think never will, that almost spiritual fealty that exists between men who go down into the dangers of the mine and work together - that fealty of understanding and brotherhood that exists in our calling in a more pronounced degree than in any other industry. The public does not know that a man who works in a coal mine is not afraid of anything except his god; that he is not afraid of injunctions, or politicians, or threats or denunciations, or verbal castigation or slander that he does not fear death.

Thus, the U.M.W.A. was the first labor organization to incorporate into its Constitution an unqualified prohibition against racial, religious or national discrimination.

Today the United Mine Workers of America and their leaders constitute a living symbol of what free men, working together, can accomplish. The miners today are some of the best paid industrial workers in the world. They have accomplished good working conditions and are protected by a good retirement and welfare program that is unmatched in any other industry.

But it was not always thus. Back in the 1840's when the coal miners of Pennsylvania first decided to form a union to carry on the fight against the intolerable working conditions at that time - in those days miners were among the most poorly paid workers in the country. Safety conditions were deplorable; hours of work were as high as 15 a day; no days off; no holidays. They were at the mercy of the employers.

The first coal miner's union in America was formed in the hard coal region of northeastern Pennsylvania. This early union suffered the fate of many organizations of miners that were to follow it. They were literally forced out of existence by the wealthy owners of coal mines. It was regarded a conspiracy against the government for men to join together and strike in protest of insufferable working conditions.

It became obvious to coal miners, as a result of those efforts to organize unions, that they must form a strong nationwide union. The first step came in 1860 by the English miners in Illinois with other miners in midwest soft coal field, they formed the American Miners Association. It lasted until the financial panic of 1873.

During the Civil War period, thousands of English, Welsh, Scotch and Irish came to the United States. Their knowledge of union organization work gave new spirit to bring unionism to the American mines.

The first joint conference between mine workers and coal operators was held in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1869. A written contract based on this conference was signed in 1870 and provided for wages of \$16.00 per week. At this time the coal miners were waging their long and bitter fight for safety in the mines.

It was nearly 100 years later in 1952 that the United Mine Workers were able to get a law passed by the Federal Congress granting authority to Federal mine inspectors to close down hazardous mines. This never ending battle for safety still continues today.

The 1880's saw stepped-up efforts to form national organizations. Two groups were principally active - the Knights of Labor and the National Progressive Union of Miners and Mine Laborers. The latter organization was affiliated with the newly-formed American Federation of Labor under the leadership of Samuel Gompers. Bitter rivalry plagued the organization efforts of the two unions.

It was during the period of 1886, that the first interstate coal wage agreement was signed by coal operators and union mine workers in Columbus, Ohio. The agreement established basic wages in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and West Virginia.

The mine workers soon learned that they could not succeed in their struggle for better conditions with a split in their ranks between rival unions. After much negotiations, the Knights of Labor and National Progressive Union met in Columbus, Ohio and on January 25, 1890, formed the United Mine Workers of America.

It was on April 1, 1898, that the U.M.W.A. finally won the eight hour day for a large number of the coal miners. April 1 is an annual holiday celebrated throughout America in commemoration of this early victory. The struggle for a shorter work day in the mines was not finally won throughout the American coal fields until 1933, under the leadership of Mr. Lewis.

There have been two great presidents of the United Mine Workers of America who will be revered by coal miners as long as coal is dug. One is the ninth president, John Llewellyn Lewis. The other was John Mitchell. Mitchell was 28 when he became the fifth president of the U.M.W.A. October 29, 1900 was the day when a general strike in the anthracite fields ended in a resounding victory for the miners. Each October 29 since then, the hard coal miners observe an official holiday in honor of Mitchell.

Among the evils that plagued the anthracite miners when Mitchell became president were company-owned stores at which the miners were required to trade and which charged exorbitant prices. These companies also had their own money which was called scrip. The companies cheated on the weighing of coal, extremely low wages, long hours, bad safety conditions, bad housing, child labor and no provisions for medical care for the sick and injured. Under Mitchell's leadership many of these greivances were corrected.

An infamous example of the attitude toward trade unions taken by

the coal operators at that time was the statement of George F. Baer, President of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co., one of the largest companies in the hard coal fields. Baer wrote what has since become known as the "divine right" letter. He stated:

"The rights and interests of the laboring man will be protected and cared for, not by the labor agitators but by the Christian men to whom God in his infinite wisdom has given the control of the property interests of the country and upon the successful management of which so much depends."

The 1902 strike in the anthracite industry led to intervention by the Federal government and the appointment by President Theodore Roosevelt of a commission. Both the coal operators and the union agreed to abide by the decision of the commission. The commission recommended wage increases and other improved working conditions. This later became the basic agreement between the operators and the union.

It was in the early days of the union that the question of machinery in the mines came up. The union decided it would encourage mechanization of the coal industry to increase production and give the miners a chance for increased wages. This was opposed by some unions in America and Europe.

Mr. Lewis commented on this policy:

"We decided that question long years ago. We decided its better to have a half million men working in the industry at good wages, high standards of living, than it is to have a million men working in the industry in poverty and degradation."

Despite the victories won under the leadership of Mr. Mitchell, the U.M.W.A. had many hard times in the 1900's. There were constant battles with the operators. They were forced to fight against legal actions, suits, injunctions, anti-labor legislation, strike-breaking by state militiamen and coal company guards.

The year 1913 will always live in infamy in the history of American labor. It was on April 20 of that year that the Ludlow Massacre occurred. The Miners' Union had been trying for years to win recognition in the coal fields of Colorado and other western states. They were bitterly and brutally opposed by the employers led by the millionaire John D. Rockefeller. Climax to the opposition to the union came when Colorado militiamen, coal company guards and thugs employed as private detectives and strike breakers by the Rockefeller interests, shot and burned to death 20 persons, including two mine workers' wives and 11 children. The massacre took place during a carefully planned attack on a miners' tent colony near the Colorado town. The miners had been ousted from their company-owned houses by the guards and had set up their tents on public property. Not one of the perpetrators of the slaughter ever was punished by the strikers and U.M.W.A. officials were imprisoned by the score. A shocked American public acted through the Federal government and moved regular Army troops in to restore order.

Such incidents were an old story to miners and their families; beatings, shootings and deprivation of civil liberties was the order of the day. The mining camps were isolated, the newspapers and general public seldom heard of the conditions. The rules of the companies were enforced by professional gunmen such as the Coal and Iron Police in Pennsylvania and the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency in West Virginia and the gun thugs saw to it that an "iron curtain" was drawn around the coal camps.

It was in the early 1900's that John L. Lewis began his long career as an American labor leader. Born February 12, 1880, in Lucas, Iowa, he began working in the mines as a laborer. In 1917 he was named International Statistician of the Union; next Business Manager of the United Mine Workers Journal; Vice President of the Union; Acting President; and was elected President of the U.M.W.A. in 1920.

The years of World War I brought a certain amount of stability to American coal production and the U.M.W.A. made much progress in its drive to build the organization. The end of the war, however, brought depression to the industry and a concerted drive of the employers to break the Union.

These were hard, lean years for the union and for John L. Lewis. Poverty, unemployment, low wages, long hours and violence stalked the coal fields. Dissension in the Union's ranks, spurred by the Communists who set up a dual-union organization, and the union-busting efforts of the coal operators brought a decline in membership from more than 600,000 in 1923 to approximately 200,000 in the late 1920's.

The U.M.W.A. was one of the first organizations in the United States to take definite action against Communist attempts to disrupt the labor movement. As early as 1923, the Union International Executive Board warned against the menace of Communism and in 1927 the International Convention amended its Constitution to prohibit members of the Communist party from belonging to the United Mine Workers of America.

By the time of the great stock market crash in 1929, there were more than 300,000 unemployed coal miners. Operators engaged in cut-throat competition to the point where coal was being sold below production costs and wages were slashed to \$1.50 per day. The election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt as President of the United States in 1932 gave new life to the U.M.W.A. Representatives were dispatched throughout the coal fields to preach the gospel of unionism. This drive was so successful it brought hundreds of thousands of coal miners back into the ranks in 1933. This was caused by a law passed by Congress. The clause was known as Section 7A of the National Industrial Recovery Act. This clause was the brain-child of the U.M.W.A. and John L. Lewis. Section 7A said in effect, that the Federal government guaranteed to American working men and women the right to organize into unions and to bargain collectively with their employers.

With the great 1933 organizing drive in the coal fields a success, the U.M.W.A. moved to convene a joint wage conference with the coal operators. After three months of meetings and a one-day strike to show union strength, the operators signed the Appalachian Wage Agreement, in effect, the first National Wage Agreement. The 40 hour work

week was established. Grievance machinery was provided. Company stores were to be regulated. The practice of paying coal miners with scrip instead of money was soon to be abolished.

Mr. Lewis helped in organizing the steel workers union, the automobile union, and also the C.I.O. The year 1939 found the U.M.W.A. battling and winning a union shop in the coal industry. This made it mandatory for all coal miners to join the U.M.W.A.

The Golden Anniversary Convention of the U.M.W.A., held in 1940 in Columbus, Ohio, city of the union birth, found the miners organization in the strongest position in the history up to that time - strong leadership, loyal membership, good sound treasury and a good contract.

But this Convention also saw an open break between John L. Lewis and President Roosevelt. Bitterness between the President of the C.I.O and President Roosevelt had been increasing since 1937 when Roosevelt criticized both the C.I.O. and the Little Steel industry following the killings and beatings of a number of striking steel workers by company guards. Roosevelt had said 'a plague on both your houses'.

Mr. Lewis replied:

"It ill behooves one who has supped at labor's table and who has been sheltered in labor's house to curse with equal fervor and fine impartiality both labor and its adversaries when they become locked in deadly embrace."

At the 1940 Convention, Mr. Lewis was convinced that Roosevelt should not be supported for a third term and threw his support to Wendell L. Wilkie. Mr. Lewis said he would resign as head of the C.I.O. if Roosevelt was re-elected. Mr. Lewis stepped down and was replaced by Mr. Murray.

During World War II Management was unwilling to make any concessions on their part. They would depend on the government to see that no wage increases was granted. Protest strikes led to the government seizure of the soft coal industry. During the next two years, the coal miners worked nine hours a day, six and seven days a week to supply coal to the war effort.

The first formal proposal for the creation of a welfare fund for American coal miners was made in 1945. It was an old dream dating back to 1925. Nothing came of the proposal. But 1946 was a little different. The proposal that the coal industry should make some provisions to care for the sick and injured and aged - the coal operators turned a deaf ear. A strike to win the welfare demand led to the seizure of the mines by the Federal government once again. Mr. Lewis was finally able to negotiate a contract with the government calling for the payment of a 5-cent a ton royalty by the industry for the establishment of the United Mine Workers of America Welfare and Retirement Fund.

American coal miners will tell you that if John L. Lewis never had won another benefit for them, he would be remembered with great affection for his winning of this Welfare fund. The fund sponsored the building of ten modern hospitals in areas where they were needed. The winning of the hospital fund by the U.M.W.A. set a pattern the other unions were soon to follow.

During the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's the Union continued to move forward in wages and benefits. During the decade of the 1970's, women entered the mining work force, some being hired on the spot and some under legal action of the government.

After John L. Lewis retired in 1959, the reins were put in the hands of Tony Boyle. Things became bitter around the 1968 election. Mr. Boyle was opposed by Joseph A. (Jock) Yablonski, a board member from Pennsylvania. In 1969 he was murdered, along with his wife and daughter. Tony Boyle was later convicted of conspiracy in the murder plot.

In the early 1970's came Arnold Miller, who led the union until he became disabled in the late 1970's. Under Mr. Miller the miners gained benefits and safety conditions in the early 1970's when coal was again in demand.

Mr. Miller became disabled in the late 1970's and Sam Church, who was Vice President under Miller, became the leader of the U.M.W.A. The rank and file became frustated at Sam Church when he tried to force a contract on them that did not meet their approval. Sam Church lost a bitter election to a newcomer by the name of Richard Trumka in 1982. Can Mr. Trumka be the echo of the 1920's and 1930's?

'I have never faltered or failed to present the cause or plead the case of the mine workers of this country. I have pleaded your case from the pulpit and from the public platform: in joint conference with the operators of this country; before the bar of state legislatures; in the councils of the President's cabinet; and in the public press of this nation - not in the quavering tones of a feeble mendicant asking alms, but in the thundering voice of the captain of a mighty host, demanding the rights to which free men are entitled.'